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BOWLING GREEN DRUG DEALER PLEADS GUILTY TO SELLING COCAINE AND CRACK COCAINE

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **THADDEUS JOHNSON**, age 23, of 1529 Audubon Drive, Bowling Green, Kentucky, **pled guilty** to distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine and distributing cocaine in Bowling Green.

Johnson faces a maximum penalty of sixty years, a \$3,000,000 fine and up to life on supervised released. **Johnson** faces a mandatory minimum prison sentence of five years. **Johnson** is not eligible for probation and **there is no parole in the federal judicial system**.

On July 27, 2005, **Johnson** distributed approximately 27 grams of powder cocaine to a Bowling Green/Warren County Drug Task Force confidential informant in Bowling Green, Kentucky. On August 19, 2006, **Johnson** distributed approximately 10 grams of crack cocaine to a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) confidential informant in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The street value of the drugs in this matter is approximately \$3700.00.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 3, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. (CST) in United States District Court in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brian Butler, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Bowling Green / Warren County Drug Task Force.

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